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Nepal: Process to obtain a passport
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In correspondence with the Research Directorate, the First Secretary of the Embassy of Nepal in Washington DC explained the procedure for obtaining a passport as follows (17 Nov. 2006):

[T] he passport form designed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be filled with all particulars including personal data. A citizenship certificate (minors who are under 16 years of age use minor identity cards) must be enclosed with necessary revenue.

In a telephone interview, the First Secretary provided further information on the minor identity card, which serves the same purpose as a citizenship certificate (Nepal 20 Dec. 2006). The First Secretary explained how this card was obtained as follows:

To acquire a minor identity card, a child's parent must make the application. The parent, most often the father, must show his citizenship identity card, and produce the child's birth certificate to obtain a minor identity card for the child. Applications for minor identity cards are made at one of Nepal's 75 district administration offices. Likewise passport applications can be made at these offices. (ibid)

The First Secretary also provided the following information about passports:

All Nepalese citizens may apply for a passport. How long it takes to obtain a passport varies, depending on the workload of the passport application staff.

All applicants must pick up their passports in person and sign them in front of the passport office. In special cases when a person was unable to pick up the passport themselves an authorized person could pick up a passport for them. (ibid.)

The First Secretary also said that the cost of the passport is 5,000 rupees (20 Dec. 2006), which converts into approximately \$82.00 Canadian dollars (CAN) (XE.com 21 Dec. 2006).

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